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EERRHHHHHHHHH!



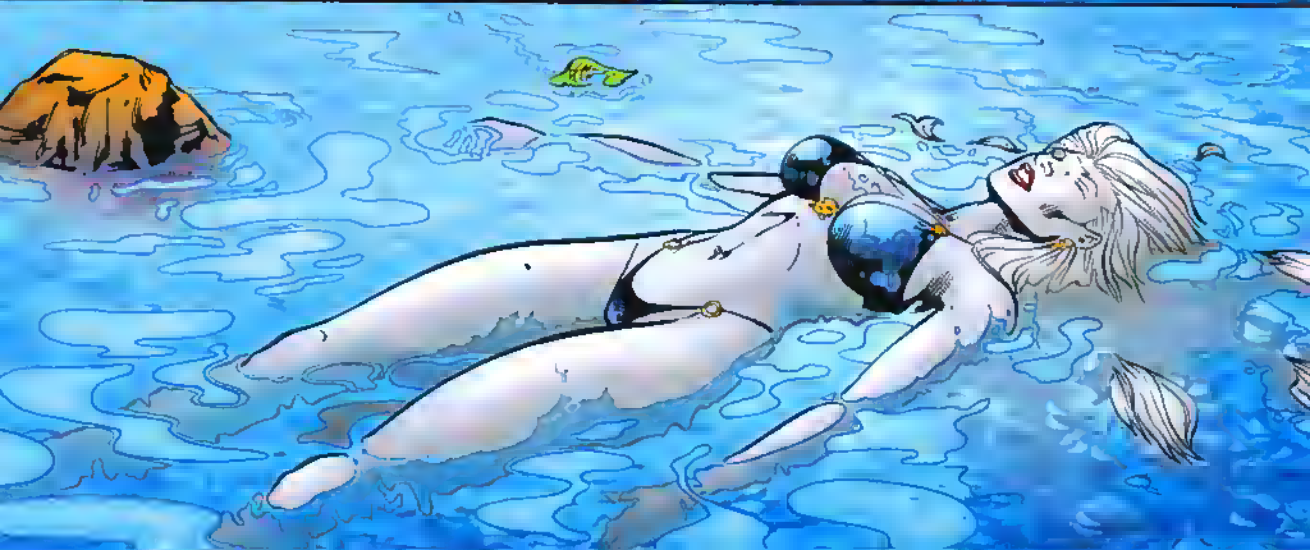
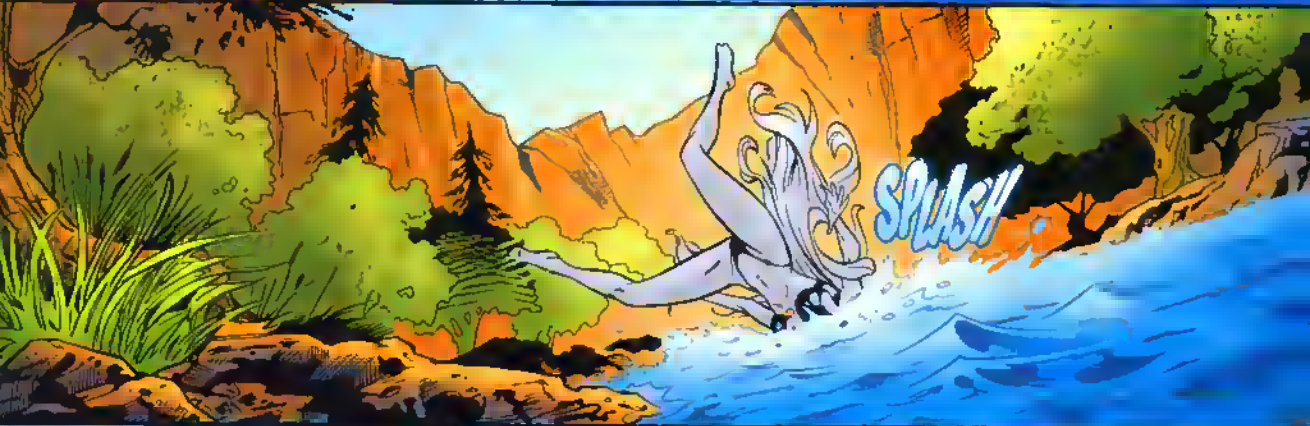
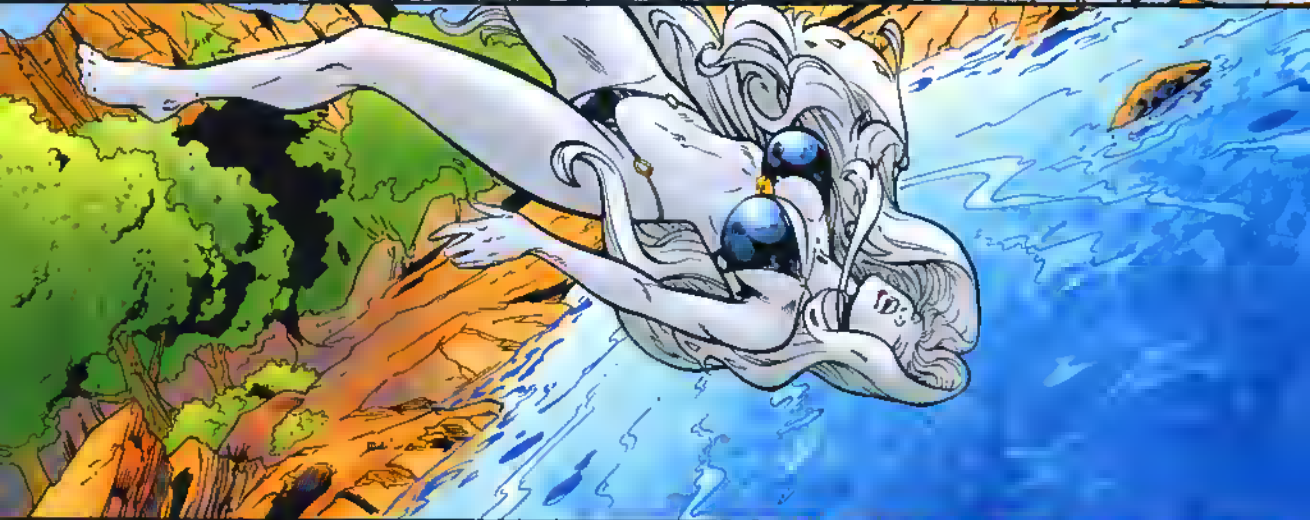
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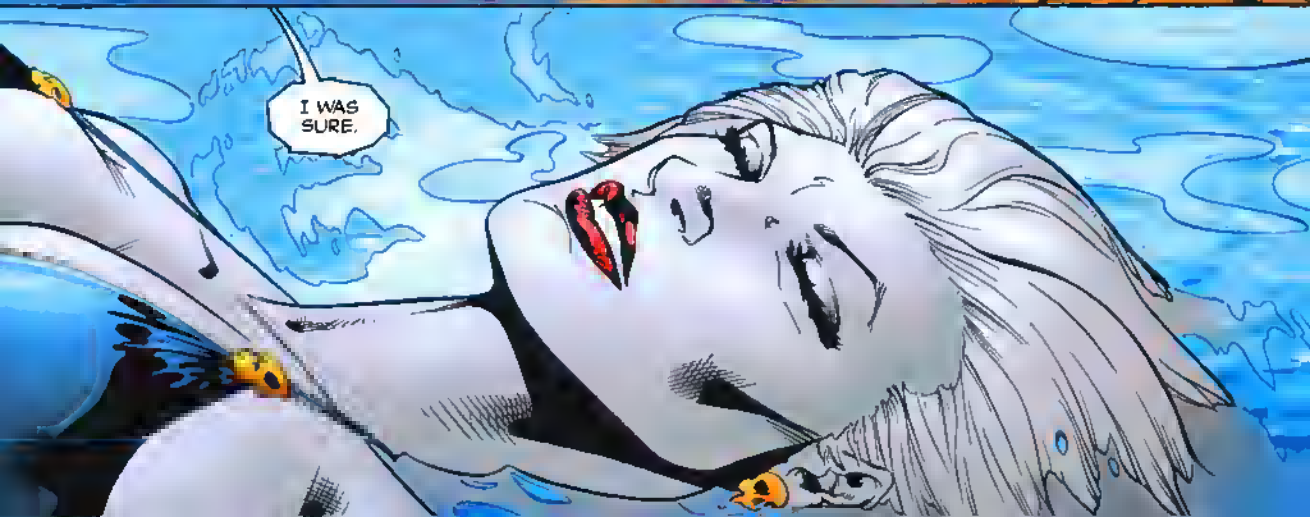
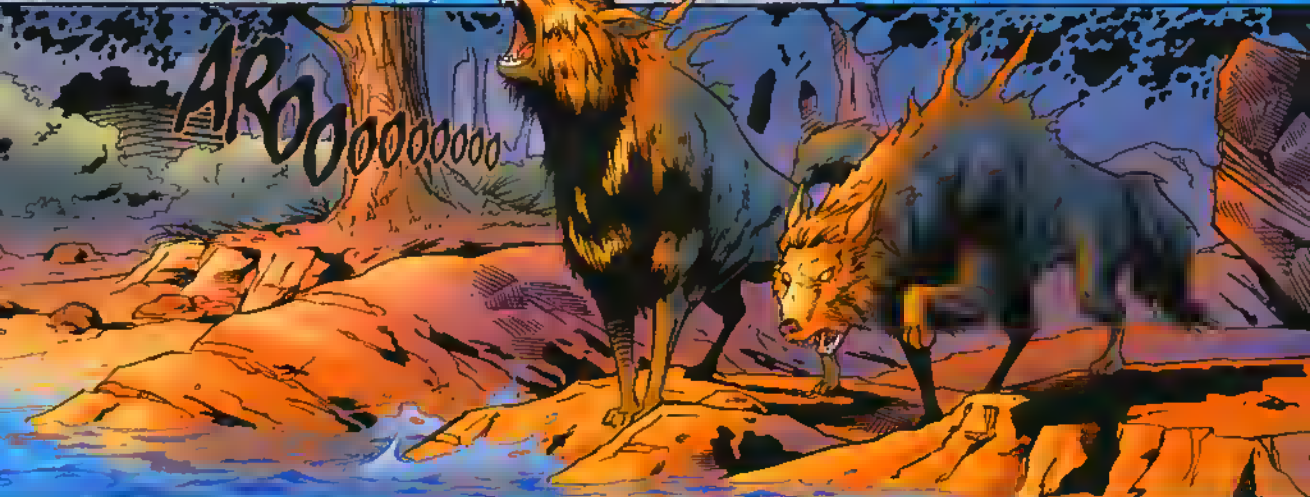
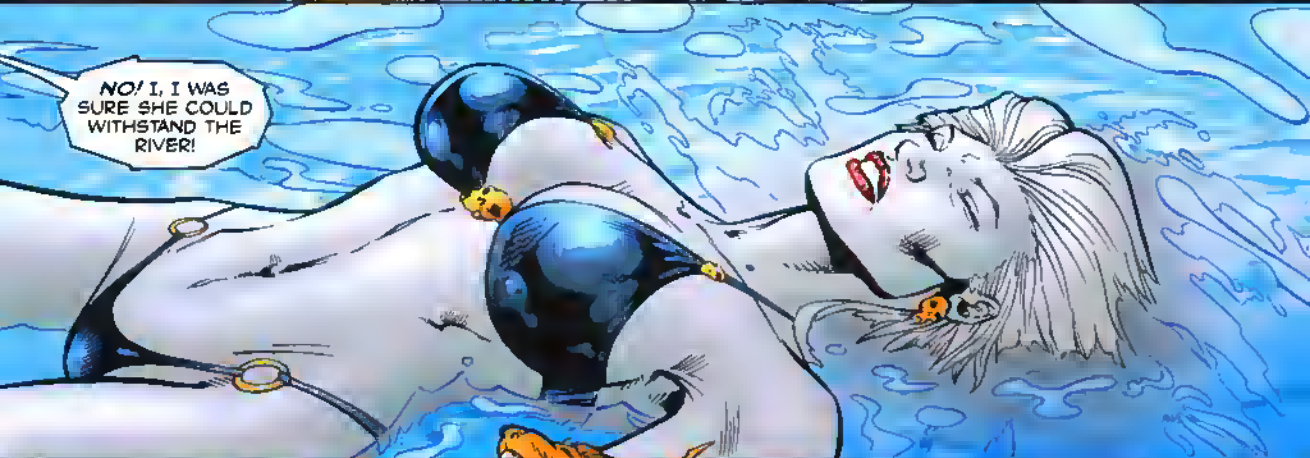
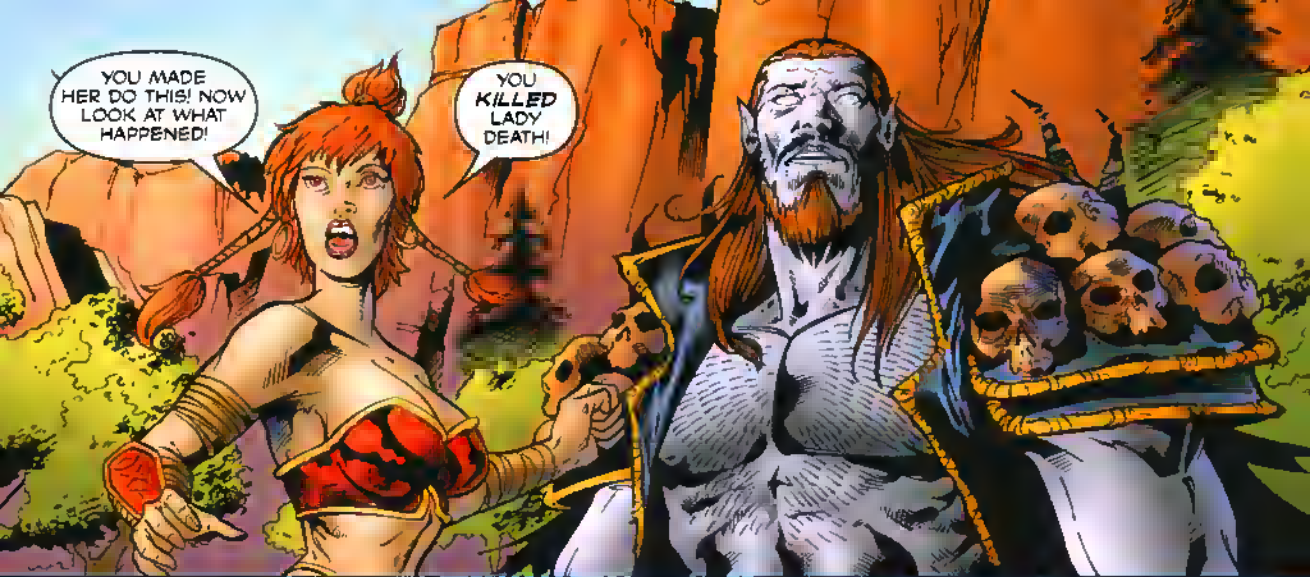
DON'T
TOUCH THE
WATER, SATASHA!
YOU'LL DIE!

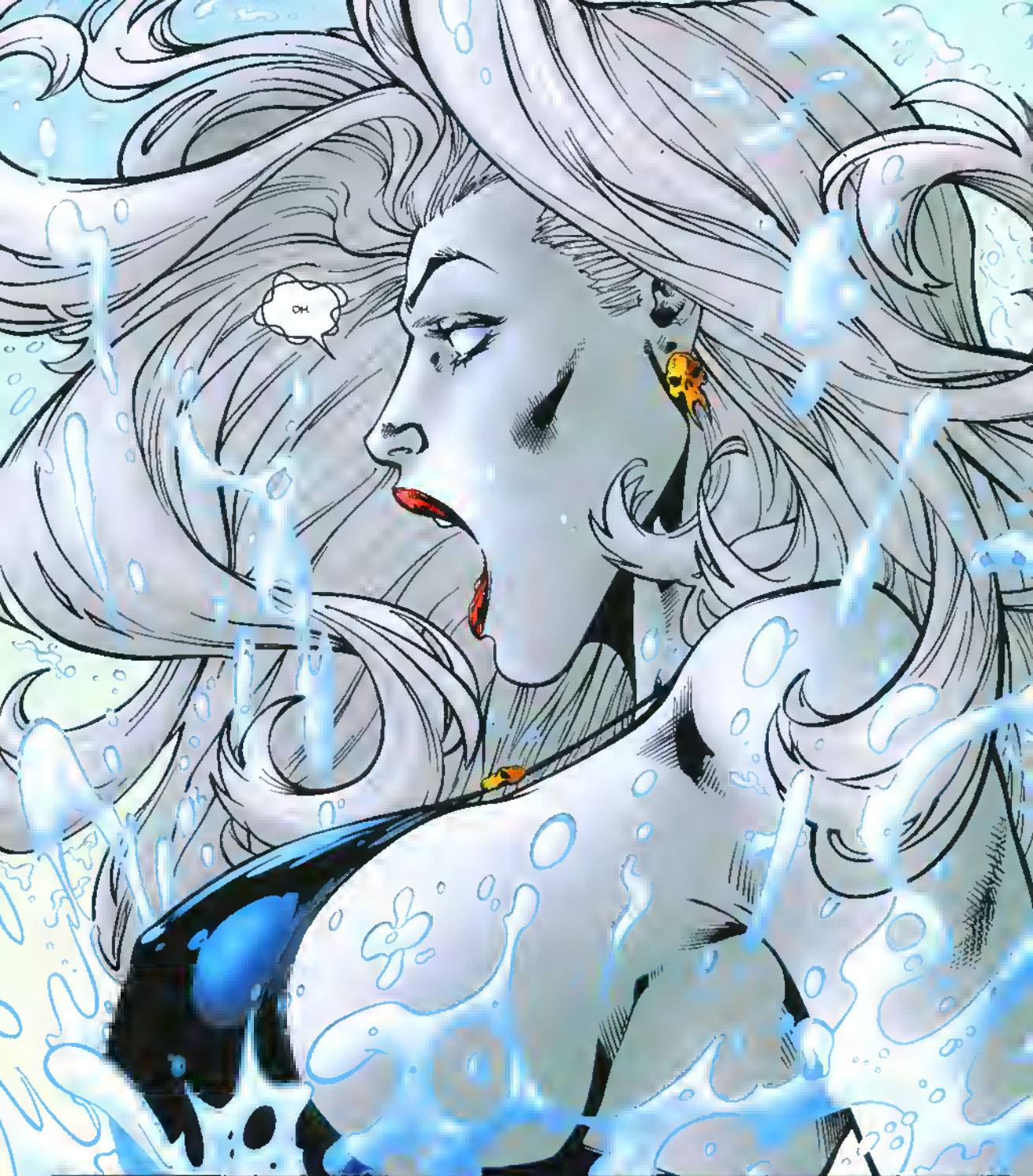
BUT, LADY
DEATH--! WE
CAN'T SIT IDLY
BY, WARGOTH!



EERRRR--



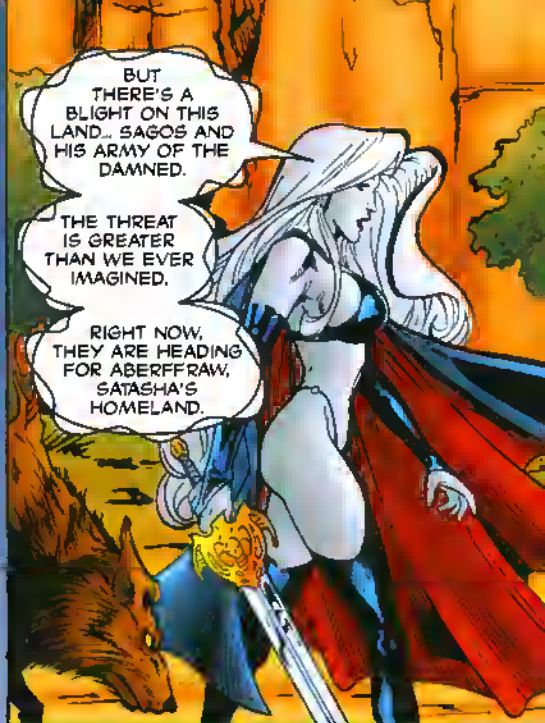






WHAT KNOWLEDGE DID THE RIVER IMPART TO YOU?

I BECAME ONE WITH ALL THE BLACKLANDS.



BUT THERE'S A BLIGHT ON THIS LAND... SAGOS AND HIS ARMY OF THE DAMNED.

THE THREAT IS GREATER THAN WE EVER IMAGINED.

RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE HEADING FOR ABERFFRAW, SATASHA'S HOMELAND.



ABERFFRAW SAFEGUARDS THE SOUTHWEST BLACKLANDS. IF IT FALLS, THE THE ENTIRE REALM WILL NEVER RECOVER.

WE MUST OPPOSE THEM.

ABERFFRAW?

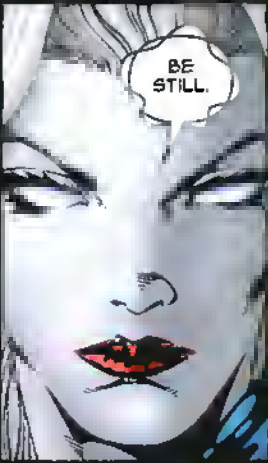
IT IS TEN DAY'S JOURNEY FROM HERE!



WE WILL NEVER REACH IT IN TIME!

I LEARNED MUCH FROM THE RIVER.

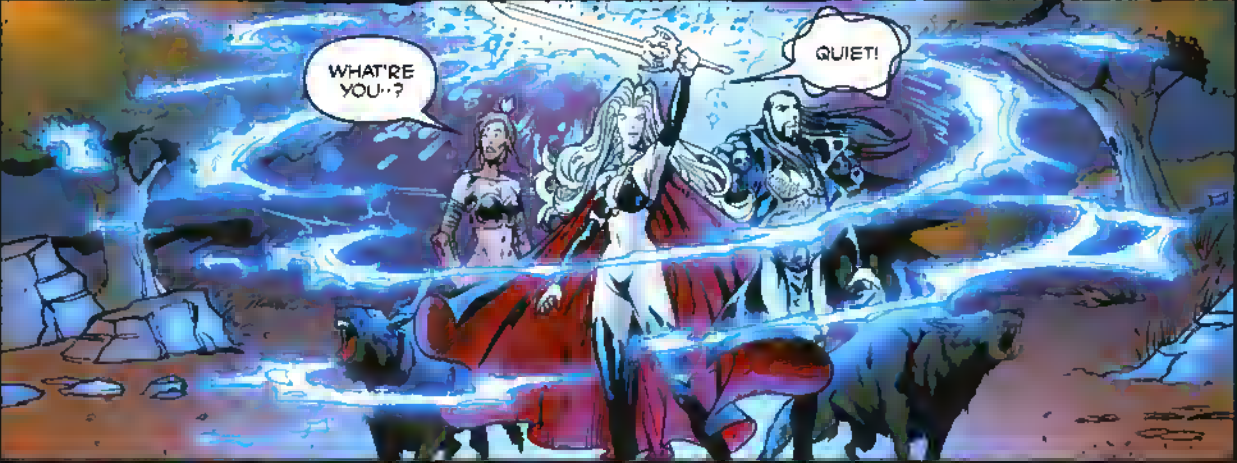
WARGOTH, SATASHA COME CLOSE.



BE STILL.

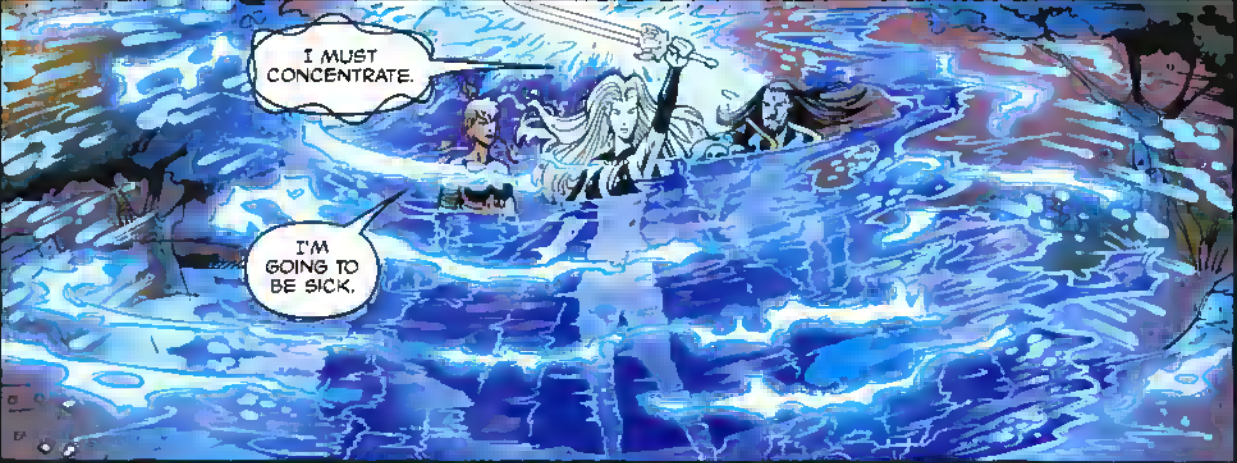


THERE IS SO MUCH MAGIC, SO MUCH ENERGY RIGHT IN FRONT OF US THAT WE CANNOT SEE, BUT IT IS OURS FOR THE TAKING.



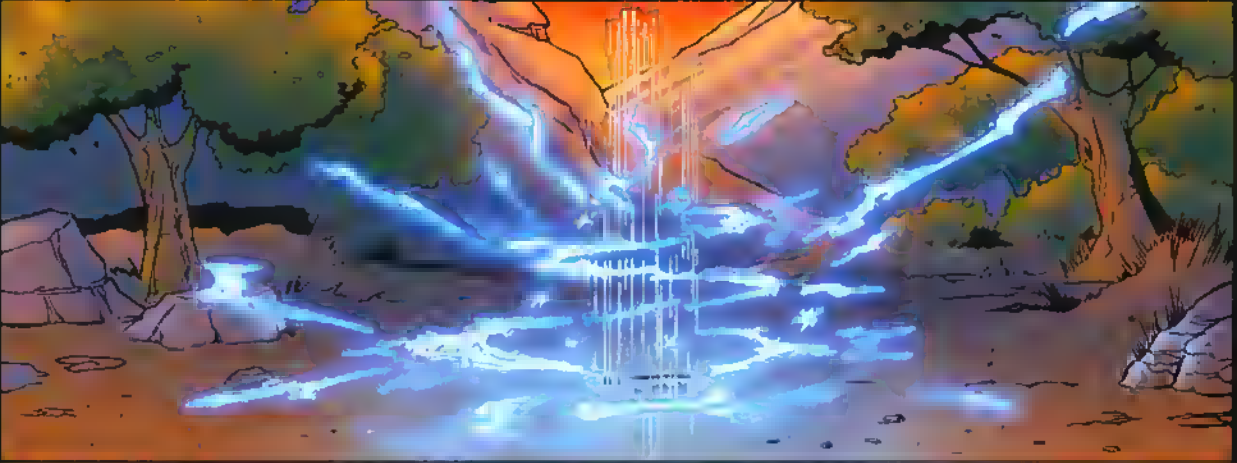
WHAT'RE YOU..?

QUIET!



I MUST CONCENTRATE.

I'M GOING TO BE SICK.



SAGOS'S LAIR.

WHAT?!

SOMEONE
HAS TAPPED INTO
THE ELEMENTAL
FORCES OF THE
BLACKLANDS!

WHO?

NO!

IT IS MY
HOST-BODY'S
DAUGHTER.
HOPE.

MARIUS,
SAGOS, WHO-
EVER YOU ARE,
PLEASE STOP
THIS PAIN!

PLEASE!



HELLO SAGOS, OR SHALL WE CALL YOU MARIUS? YOU SEEM TO HAVE DEVELOPED AN AFFINITY FOR THE HUMAN'S FORM.

HOW GOES THE WAR?

AS PLANNED.

AS PLANNED, YOU CLAIM?

BUT YOUR HOST BOOBY'S DAUGHTER HAS GAINED AWARENESS.

SHE PLANS TO THWART YOU.

HOPE. IS THAT HER NAME? HOW FITTING.



SHE'LL DO NOTHING OF THE SORT!

ARE YOU ANGRY WITH US FOR BRINGING HER TO THE BLACKLANDS, MARIUS?

OF COURSE NOT!

GOOD ANSWER.



SHE, LIKE YOU, PROVIDES US WITH MUCH AMUSEMENT.

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR CAMPAIGN AGAINST ABERFFRAW.

WE'LL BE WATCHING.



HOPE? IT MENTIONED HOPE?



YES, **THEY**
MENTIONED
YOUR **INFERNAL**
DAUGHTER!

I **WARNED**
YOU, MARY.

I TOLD YOU
THAT IF YOU
CONTINUED TO BE
A THORN IN MY
SIDE, YOU WOULD
BE PUNISHED.



Nooooooooo!



ERRAAAAAAA!

THE ARMY OF THE
DAMNED APPROACHES
ABBERFFRAW,
LORD.



ABERFFAW!
MY HOME-
LAND!

HOW DID
YOU GET US
HERE?

I CANNOT
PUT IT INTO
WORDS... IT'S
COMPLICATED.

BY DAYRISE
TOMORROW I
WILL HAVE
LOST ALL
AWARENESS.

ONE
THING YOU
MUST KNOW: THE
EFFECTS OF THE
FANGHORN RIVER
ARE TEMPORARY
AT BEST.

INTRUDERS!

MORE
OF SAGOS'S
SCHEMES!

NO,
IT'S ME,
SATASHA.

SATASHA?
IT IS YOU.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
ASSOCIATING
YOURSELF WITH
THIS SLAVE
TRADER.

YOUR
FATHER WILL
NOT BE
PLEASED.

AND
THAT IS
NEW?

TAKE
ME TO MY
FATHER.

WE ARE
HERE TO
HELP.

THEY'RE
COMING
FASTER THAN
WE IMAGINED,
FATHER.

WAR IS
INEVITABLE.

IF
ABERFFAW
FALLS, THE
SOUTHWEST IS
RIPE FOR
CONQUEST.



FATHER?



SATASHA?

I NEVER
THOUGHT
I'D--



WELL YOU
DID BANISH
ME.

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING WITH
THAT SLAVE-
TRADER?

EX-SLAVE
TRADER.

FATHER!



ENOUGH!

YOU CAN
INDULGE YOUR PETTY
SQUABBLES LATER-- IF
WE SURVIVE. FOR NOW,
WAR IS KNOCKING AT
YOUR DOOR.

WE MUST
HEED ITS CALL,
OR FACE
OBLIVION.



SIRE!

DEFENSES TO
THE NORTH HAVE
COLLAPSED!

NO
REINFORCE-
MENTS
COMING!

WE ARE
ON OUR OWN,
AND--

THEY'RE HERE!





THE
MOG IS
MINE!

SCRATZ!

WE MUST
STAND AND
FIGHT!

FATHER,
THEY'RE
TOO MANY!

KOOOM!

DAMN!

THE
GATES!

LADY
DEATH,
RUN!

NO, NO
MORE
RUNNING,
SATASHA.

MOVE
ON!

THEY
AREN'T
LETTING
UP!

FAM!

CHUK



FATHER!



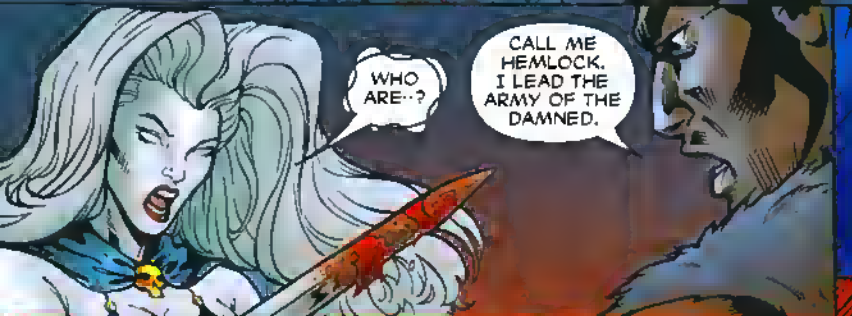
UGH!



YOU!

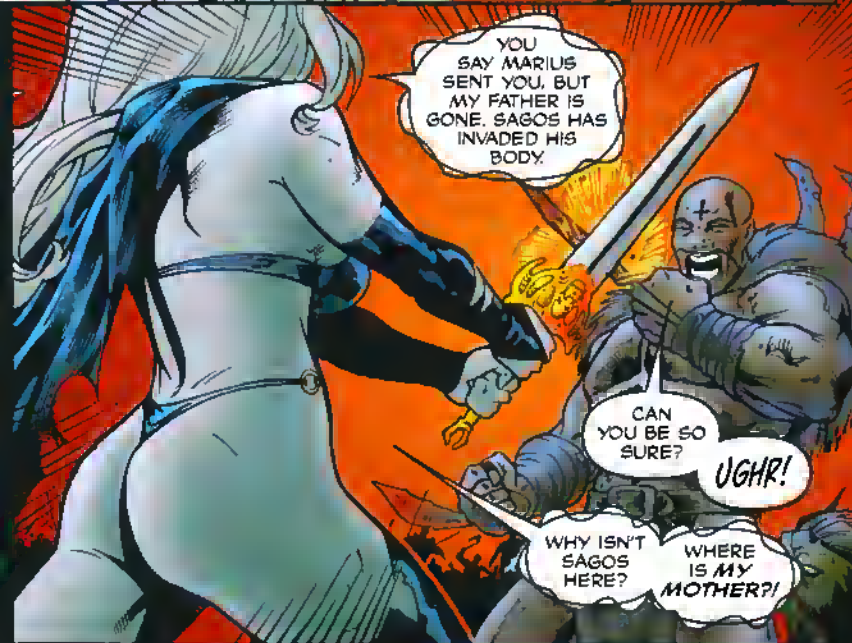
YOU'RE MARIUS'S DAUGHTER.

HE SENT ME TO KILL YOU.



WHO ARE--?

CALL ME HEMLOCK. I LEAD THE ARMY OF THE DAMNED.



YOU SAY MARIUS SENT YOU, BUT MY FATHER IS GONE. SAGOS HAS INVADDED HIS BODY.

CAN YOU BE SO SURE?

UGHR!

WHY ISN'T SAGOS HERE?

WHERE IS MY MOTHER?!



I EXPECTED SO MUCH MORE FROM YOU.

ERAAAA!

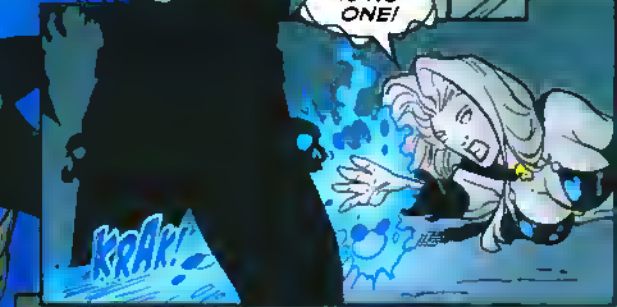


GREETINGS, WARGOTH, OLD FRIEND.

THIS ONE'S YOURS, I PRESUME?



I BELONG TO NO ONE!



KRRR!



YOU'VE GOT A QUICK TONGUE.

PERHAPS I'LL PUT IT TO USE, EH?



DAMN
IT ALL!

ERRGGHH!

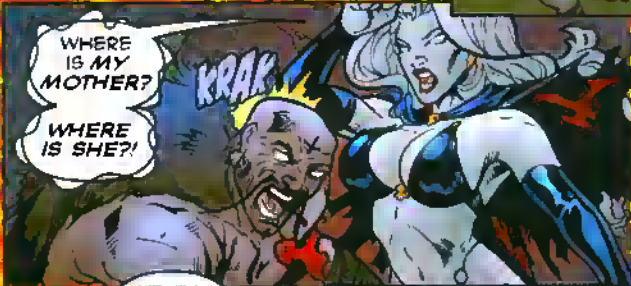


FATHER,
IS HE?

I DON'T
KNOW...



EHHHHH!



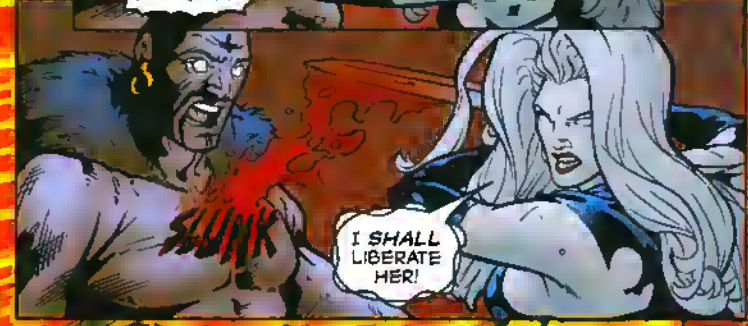
WHERE
IS MY
MOTHER?
WHERE
IS SHE?

KRAK

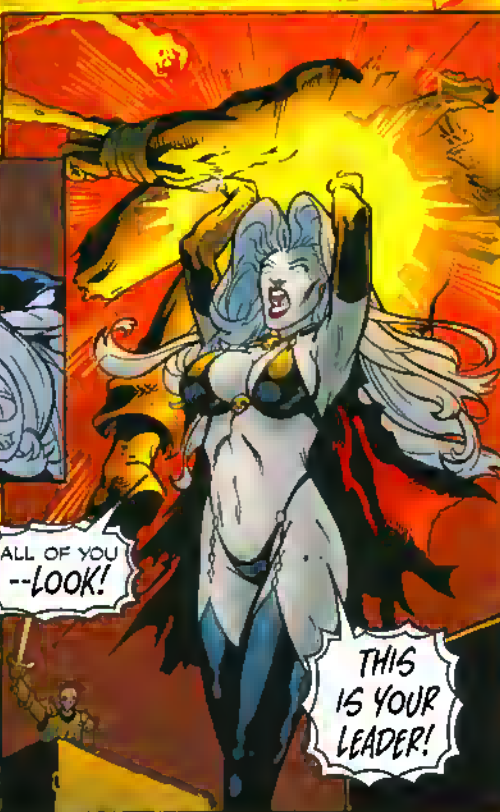
YOU'LL
NEVER
SEE HER
AGAIN!

NO!

ERAAAA



I SHALL
LIBERATE
HER!



ALL OF YOU
--LOOK!

THIS
IS YOUR
LEADER!



BUT NOW HE IS
NO MORE!

YOU SEE
WHAT I CAN
DO?

YOU SEE
THE POWER OF
LADY DEATH!



I AM THE
DAUGHTER
OF MARIUS!

ABERFFAW
IS UNDER MY
PROTECTION!

YOU ARE
DEFEATED!

NOW
GO. BEFORE
YOU ARE ALL LAID
TO WASTE, AND
TELL SAGOS HIS
TIME HAS
COME!



HE'LL
HE'LL
MAKE IT

THAT
WAS QUITE
A DISPLAY.

THANK
GOD IT
WORKED.

AND
NONE TOO
SOON.

WITH
THE DAWN,
THE POWER THE
RIVER ENDOWED
UPON ME IS
GONE.

WE'VE
WON!
WON? I
WOULDN'T
SAY THAT,
SATASHA..



...SAGOS ISN'T
MERELY INTERESTED
IN CONQUEST OF
THE BLACKLANDS.
THAT IS ALL A *RUSE*
TO COVER HIS
TRUE INTENT.

SAGOS
INTENDS TO
END *ALL*
LIFE HERE.

AND HE
HAS THE
MEANS TO
DO IT.





SAGOS, WE'VE
GOTTEN WORD
FROM THE
FRONT!

LADY DEATH
AND HER COHORTS
REPELLED THE ARMY
OF THE UNDEAD!

DAMN
HER!

THIS
SHALL NOT GO
UNPUNISHED!



NEXT:
BLACKLANDS!